

# *RCCO/BHO Criminal Justice Program Meeting*

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# *Our Mission*

Improving health care access and outcomes for the **people** we serve while demonstrating sound stewardship of financial **resources**



# *Today's Topics*

1. “Suspend” function
2. Statewide Working Group regarding the Intersection of Medicaid and Jail-Involved Populations
3. Data Collection
4. Community Corrections Guidance / Dear State Health Official (SHO# 16-007) letter implementation
5. Other Ongoing Projects



# *“Suspend” Function*

- Implementation Date: November 1, 2016
- Not a true Suspend Function
- Inmates are placed in a benefits package with only hospital and physician services provided during an inpatient stay of at least 24 hours
- DOC and jails may change when they enroll inmates into Medicaid

# *Statewide Working Group*

- 11 Sheriff's department participate
- Meeting since January 2016
- Formed to:
  - provide a forum to discuss issues related to the intersection between Medicaid and the jail-involved;
  - Help to make connections between county human service departments and jails to increase connection of inmates to Medicaid as they are released; and
  - To assist jails in receiving coverage by Medicaid for inpatient medical care provided while an individual is incarcerated.



# *Statewide Working Group*

- Currently focused on Medicaid Enrollment Programs
- The Department is creating a Medicaid Enrollment Toolkit for county sheriffs. It will:
  - Provide an Overview of Medicaid eligibility and services
  - Help counties think through:
    - Processes and workflows
    - Finding start up money
    - Potential partnerships with local public and private entities
    - Possible data that jails can track and share with HCPF to monitor the success of the program



# *Data Collection*

- We believe we can demonstrate cost savings to sheriffs if they implement a Medicaid Enrollment Program
- Data shows that Denver and El Paso save money through leveraging Medicaid to pay for services provided during 24 hour hospital stays
- Obstacles
  - Some counties don't track recidivism
  - Inmate Privacy Concerns
    - Jails place burden on RCCO to obtain data directly from inmate
  - Management Systems don't always have robust Health Care components or may lack ability to share data
  - Lack of standardization of data set formats



# *ComCor Guidance - Background*

- CMS released Community Corrections guidance on April 28, 2016
- The Department released its guidance for DPS-funded Community Corrections facilities on June 1, 2016
- The focus is on the facility and whether it provides “*freedom of association and movement*”
- CMS placed the burden on the State Medicaid Agency to determine if the facility allows residents freedom of movement and association.
- The Department worked with DPS and collaborate with county sheriffs.





# *ComCor Guidance - Implementation*

- Phase 1 - DPS-funded Community Corrections
  - We have a good relationship with DPS and it was easier to vet their facilities
  - One facility doesn't meet the criteria - Gateway: through the Rockies in El Paso. It is located in a detention facility
- Phase 2 - Review Work release to see if generally eligible, if so, determine if their work release programs meet the criteria



# *Other Ongoing Projects*

- Judicial District Alignment
- Leveraging ‘savings’

# *Thank You*

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